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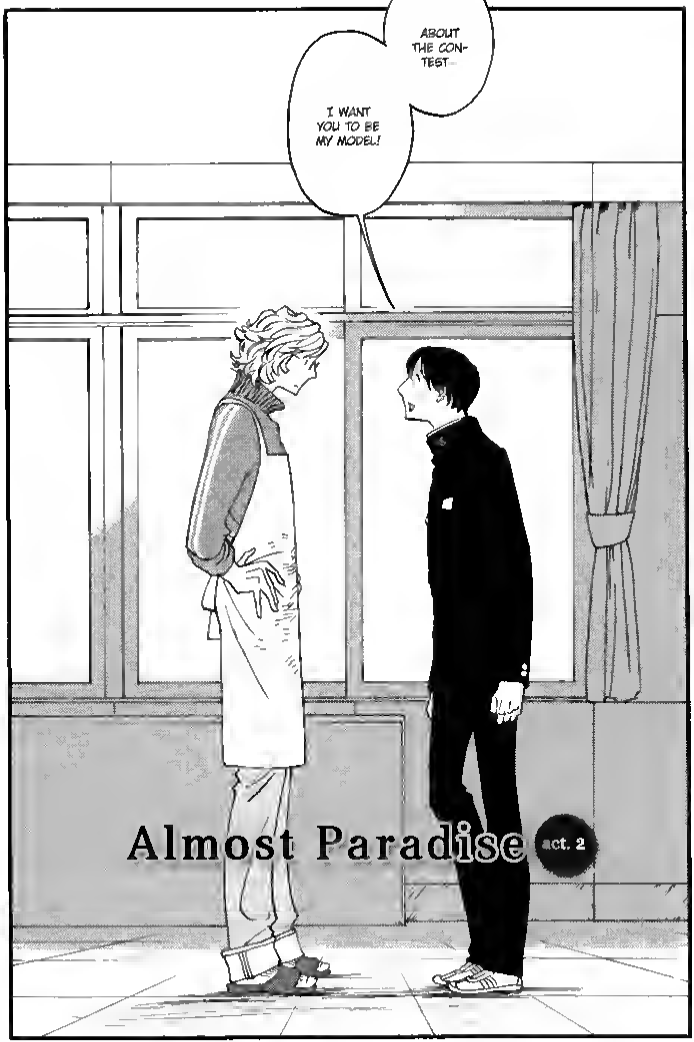
I WANT YOU TO BE MY MODEL!
ABOUT THE CONTEST...
Almost Paradise
act. 2

I-
I MEAN...
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT "THE PERSON I HOLD DEAR", I IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF SENSEI...
HOMURA...
I COULD DRAW MY MOTHER OR MY GRANDMOTHER, BUT THEY'RE BOTH SO BUSY AND RARELY HOME.
THAT'S WHY...
YOU CAN'T
I'M SORRY, I TOLD YOU TO ENTER THE CONTEST WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE THEME.
BUT THAT'S A NO.
YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT EXAM SOON, SO YOU NEED TO DEVOTE YOURSELF TO STUDYING FOR NOW
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PERIOD RIGHT?
HUH...?
BUT I'LL GIVE MY BEST ON BOTH STUDYING AND DRAWING YOU KNOW
I'VE ALREADY PLANNED TO DO SO...

FROM NOW ON...
...THERE WILL BE NO MORE EXTRA LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL EITHER
Now that I think about it,
as if time
hes behind
ter is hidden
the flow of the
gliding over the
the rocks surrounding
ne atmosphere
that alters
at the time it felt just like being turned down after you made a confession

—
COLD
あかるい町づくりをめざそう！

HOMURA? WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
OH!
KIRIAKI-SENSEI!
KI-
SENSEI! WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I JUST PASS BY HERE SOME-TIMES
shiver shiver
HERE IN THIS SMALL EMPTY STATION?
COULD IT BE HE'S BEEN WAITING HERE ALL ALONG?
IS CRAM SCHOOL ALWAYS THIS LATE?
THAT MUST BE TOUGH
HOMURA
WILL YOU HANG OUT WITH ME?
Ra men Gy
NUMBER 15
AH
OF COURSE IT'S MY TREAT, SO EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT
SNAP

AH... THANK YOU.
WELL THEN, I WON'T HOLD BACK
I'm digging in
slurrp
Fried Rice
Liver
Fried Gyoza 450 円
YOU KNOW,
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU YET
THANK YOU
FOR CHOOSING ME TO BE YOUR MODEL

YOU...
DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME
AH...
If you say some-thing like that
Huh...
I WAS REALLY HAPPY

OH!
LOOKS LIKE IT'LL PILE UP TOMORROW.
Come Again!
Ramen Gy
NUMBER 15

THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE
BUT I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT MY BEST
I REALLY WANT TO TRY IT AFTER ALL
ABOUT THE DRAWING CONTEST,
SENSEI
UM
AFTER THAT I'LL SOLELY FOCUS ON STUDYING— I PROMISE!
I GRADUATE NEXT YEAR,
AND I WON'T BE GOING TO SCHOOL AS OFTEN THE LAST SEMESTER EITHER
ONCE I'M IN COLLEGE I WON'T BE IN THIS TOWN ANYMORE THAT'S WHY THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT THAT I CAN SPEND WITH YOU
THAT'S WHY, PLEASE SENSEI

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
BUT WE CAN NO LONGER USE THE ART ROOM.
THE VICE PRINCIPAL GOT MAD ABOUT IT, YOU SEE...
AH...
MOTHER?
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, BUT WE HAVE A SPECIAL COURSE THIS WEEK. SO I'LL BE LATE EVERY DAY.
That's the first time I lied to my mother

UWAA... COLD...
This is Hokkaido after all.
Excuse me for the intrusion
Gotta turn on the heater
SENSEI, IT'S STILL ONLY NOVEMBER IT'LL GET COLDER FROM HERE ON.
IT'S AN OLD HOUSE, SO THE WIND COMES IN THROUGH ALL THE CRACKS.
shiver
shiver
WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT A BIT FOR THE HEATER TO WARM UP.
YOU DON'T HAVE AS MUCH STUFF IN YOUR HOUSE AS I'D IMAGINED
I THOUGHT I'D BE MESSIER.
I GOT RID OF MOST OF MY THINGS BEFORE COMING HERE.
ANYWAY, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OR THE POSE?

HUH?!
BADUMP
NO!
Though I'm willing to do it for the sake of art!
FUFU~
OHH,
THANK GOD.
UMM... I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SINCE YOU'RE AN ART TEACHER, I THINK IT MAY BE A GOOD IDEA IF YOU POSE LIKE YOU'RE DRAWING
I WAS WORRIED YOU'D SAY, "PLEASE POSE NUDE!" THEN WHAT WOULD I DO
That should NOT be allowed!
NO WAY I'M THINKING ABOUT THAT!
Th-Th-That...
MY HEART IS STILL THUMPING
THAT'S RIGHT...

SINCE WE ALREADY HAVE THIS SET UP
I'LL DRAW YOU, TOO.
ISN'T IT A GOOD IDEA?
HUH?
AH, YES
Sensei's serious gaze.
terrible
is really erotic
OH NO, I SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON DRAWING
HOW IS IT? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HUH?
AHH,
Umm...
I WAS THINKING YOUR GLASSES ARE QUITE HARD TO DRAW

LET ME SEE
WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW THE SHAPE OF SOMETHING,
IT'S BEST TO FEEL THE REAL THING
gentle
WOW!
THAT SHOULD MAKE IT HARD FOR YOU TO DRAW, SHOULDN'T IT.
YOUR HANDS...
ARE REALLY COLD

Rub
Rub
squeeze
SQUADSMAN HOMURA, DON'T SLEEP! YOU'LL DIE IF YOU FALL ASLEEP!
HUH?
SENSEI'S EYELASHES ARE LONG
IT'S A SNOWY MOUNTAIN ACCIDENT SCENARIO!
HUH?
I think...
I like sensei
maybe,

SHOULD I DRAW FLOWERS OR SOMETHING IN THE BACKGROUND
IMAGINATION HUH ?
TODAY I'LL BE LATE BECAUSE OF THE STAFF MEETING YOU SHOULD GO BACK FIRST AND CONTINUE DRAWING EVEN THOUGH I WON'T BE THERE TO MODEL FOR YOU, JUST USE YOUR IMAGINATION
CLACK
IT'S DONE!
Sorry I don't have anything better. Eat this and work hard!
Kiriaki
the
toast
Straight through
I WANT TO KEEP THIS MEMO FOREVER.

I'LL STUDY PROPERLY.
OKAY. I'LL SUMMIT THIS FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING
YOU CAN REST WELL.
All right.
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL.
THEN FROM TOMORROW ON
rattle
YUUYA,
COME HERE FOR A BIT.
I'M HOME.

ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME?
YUUYA
EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT'S GOING ON
... AND THEY SAID, "HOMURA-KUN HAS BEEN ABSENT ALL WEEK."
TODAY I CALLED YOUR CRAM SCHOOL
That was the worst weekend
SORRY I'LL PASS...
IT'S DINNER.
I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE FIRST TAKE YOUR PICK
HOMURA-KUN, YOU DON'T LOOK SO WELL
I'm fine
AH, SHINZAKI-SAN

MON TUES WED THURS FRI
Jpn Math Soc Std Eng Soc Std
Math Eng Jpn Math PE
Art Jpn Phys Soc Std Jpn
Art PE Math Jpn Phys
Phys Comm Eng Home Eco Math
Phys Home Eco Eng
Grandfather was very strict
DON'T TELL GRANDFATHER ABOUT IT. I'M BEGGING YOU!
bang bang
MOM!
MOM!
WHA-
HOMURA-KUN ARE YOU OKAY?!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WORKED HIM TOO HARD SHINSAK!

clack
Self
clack tud y
HOMURA, COULD IT BE THAT YOU RE FEELING DOWN BECAUSE YOUR FAVORITE SENSEI DIDN'T COME?
KIRIAKI SENSEI SUDDENLY FELL SICK SO HE WILL BE ABSENT TODAY
Now that you mention it, Yasuda's father said that he saw these two eating ramen at Number 15.
Really? That's gross
YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO YOUR ASSIGNMENT FROM LAST WEEK...

It didn't take long for rumors to spread in that small town.
After, I heard...
Kiriaki even took Homura to his house,
and they did obscene things.
What happened and what didn't,
the rumors just keep adding up
In the end he got reported or something
Homura's grandfather is the town mayor after all
HEY HOMURA, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SCREWED IN THE ASS?
MUST HURT A LOT, HUH?
SENSEI DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
At that time, I finally realized what a mess I had made
By December, sensei still didn't come to school and it was time for the school end ceremony
And lastly I have a sad announcement
...about Kiriaki sensei who was in charge of art lesson since April

It has been decided that he will leave this school from this semester on
Unfortunately this happened so suddenly that he couldn't say farewell
Even though it was just a short period,
he said that he will never forget the good time he spent in this school with you,
Snow had piled up before sensei's door
It was obvious no one had been staying there for a long time.
IT'S... MY FAULT
MY FAULT

and you can take your friend leave. Good job today
Just go send the color check.
HAAH—
So hot
THANK YOU SHINZAKI-SAN
It's just after I moved to Tokyo that I can feel Japan really is an Asian country

I ended up going to a public school in Sapporo (Yet I had to take the exam outside of the school area)
Anyway, wanting to leave that small town, wholeheartedly,
I went to a university in Tokyo
THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US AS ALWAYS. THIS IS THE DESIGN FOR ○○*
Ah!
Thank you very much!
It seems really hot today
If you don't mind, why don't we go to that café near by and have a drink?
I'M SO SORRY! I HAVE TO RETURN TO THE COMPANY RIGHT AWAY
It's a lie though
*In Japanese it's the symbol used when the name is not important and you want to leave it out.
In the end, I didn't make that all star high school
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT
I'M HERE FOR ITOU-SAN FROM THE 5TH EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
I ignored my family's objections and got a job here
sliiide
Though it's just a part time job at a small editorial production company
Small Cup
HMM, MAYBE I SHOULD GET SOME COFFEE AFTER ALL
yawn
I JUST WANT TO GO BACK AND SLEEP

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HM?
THAT'S GINZA FOR YOU THERE ARE SMALL ART GALLERIES EVERYWHERE
HOW ABOUT A DELICIOUS CUP OF COFFEE?
Café Pulton
Umeeawa Art Galler
B1F

Solo Exhibition
Jun Kiriaki
~ Le garçon au paradis ~
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*The Boy in Paradise
COULD.
COULD IT BE A COINCIDENCE
BUT THAT'S NOT A NAME... YOU SEE VERY OFTEN...
●TO BE CONTINUED●